The Bible and Daily Living

Enter the Messiah

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Enter The Messiah!
Lesson for December 27, 1981
Bible Study Passages: Mark 8:27-29; John 7:25-31
Introduction

T'was the night before Christmas and the Hebrew nation lay in wait for the long expected Messiah. T'was the night before Christmas and the Roman government was decaying from within. T'was the night before Christmas and the people craved light from heaven. T'was the night before Christmas and a dark world was silent and ready for the Messiah's appearance. T'was the night before Christmas.... and enter the Messiah!

T'was the night before Christmas and we waited for a loved one to get well or to die. T'was the night before Christmas and we longed for someone to meet our needs for friendship or companionship. T'was the night before Christmas and we longed for signs of hope to scatter our sense of despair. T'was the night before Christmas...and enter the Savior!

On Christmas morning our family gathered around the table decorated with candles and a cake to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. A birthday party for the Christ-child! It seemed fitting to celebrate the birth of him who came to give light to a wayward people.

Messiah Who! [Mark —:27-20]

Jesus dared throughout his ministry and life to confront people concerning who he was and who they were. He dared to open himself up to the opinionated world in which he lived and roamed. We easily say who We are but rarely brave the question, "Who do you think I am?"

Jesus asked a very pertinent question, "Who do you think I am? I know what others think about me, but what do you think?" Peter affirmatively answers, "You are the Christ."

When Jesus began his public ministry he had a specific task to make sure his disciples knew exactly who he was. He could not end his ministry and die without firmly planting in their minds who he was and what he was about. The disciples had to know without a shadow of doubt who he was, because they were charged with proclaiming the Messiah and building his church.

The question Jesus posed to his disciples is posed to everyone in every age. When confronted by the claims of the gospel, we must make some choice for or against believing and following the Christ. How we live out our life will be determined by the answer we give to the Lord's question, "Who am I?"

The Obvious Made Confusing [John 7:25-31]

"He came unto his own and his own received him not." This pretty well describes the plight of Jesus. His own people oftentimes would not acknowledge his divinity and special relationship to the Father. Jesus was a "question mark" in the minds of many, and this is still true today. It's strange, but he who was born to be an "exclamation mark" became a "question mark" for many.

Jesus did not meet the expectations of the people. The Jewish people looked for a Messiah who would one day all of a sudden "appear in the Temple." The disciples looked for a Messiah who would lead them in militant war. Jesus did neither.

Jesus came from the Father and engaged on a course of peace and love. He took up a shepherd's staff, not a sword. He sought to serve, not to be served. He lived among the common folk rather than hobnob with royalty. He ate with sinners, not with the rich.

Christ entered the world by way of natural birth. He entered the world as the promised Messiah who would "save his people from their sin." And each time Christ enters a human life, hearts are changed and things happen never dreamed of. When a person encounters the living Christ, they are changed and challenged to live according to the Gospel claims.

Christmas comes each time Christ enters a human life!

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Galilee news

Inspiring services were held at Galilee this past Sunday morning. Rev. Davis delivered a moving sermon entitled "No Room in the Inn". The Youth Services Singers rendered moving yuletide selections. Mr. John Browder, Jr., U. S. Army, and Mr. Herbert Allen, Jr., Virginia Tech were present.

The annual church meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2, 1981 at 7 p.m. All deacons and trustees are requested to meet at 6 p.m. The annual program of work will be outlined.

The youth services department and the Sunday School department wish to thank all members and friends for their support of the annual Christmas pageant and supper which followed. Many members and friends were very generous. The youth department will hold a special meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. Mrs. Mable Goode and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johns are planning the program of work for 1982. All interested in joining please dial 352-5590. The singers are reminded of their invitation to render services at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church the first Sunday in January at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martin entertained the Willing Workers Club of Galilee at their home Sunday after the morning services.

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The Pastor Speaks

By PETER HALE

Only two more days to go. Are you finished with your preparations? Bought all those gifts? Wrapped all those packages? Have you forgotten anyone? Oh, how we hate being left out at Christmas; and there are those who are never satisfied with what they get.

Saturday morning, if they are open, the stores will be overrun with people wanting to exchange something; and odd tie, shirt too small; or a skirt that does not go with shoes already owned. And there are those who will be shopping after Christmas in order to take advantage of the after Christmas sales. Some people buy now for next Christmas. Some people were given money and thats what they do with it.

The whole thing is kind of weird, isn't it? A passage comes to mind. Although these are some differences in the context, and there is no way to compare the people of Israel with the United States, still, is does make you think. It goes like this: "You say to yourselves," we can hardly wait for the holy days to be over so that we can sell our grain. When will the Sabbath end, so that we can start selling again? Then we can overcharge, use false measures, and fix the scales to cheat our customers. We can sell worthless wheat at a high price. We'll find a poor man who can't pay his debts, not even the price of a pair of sandals and we'll buy him as a slave." (Amos 8:5-6 N.E.V.)

The current attitude toward things and high profits is not new, nor unique in world history. It is at least 1700 years old, and even older.

What is important for us to note is that the consequences of such or attitude or life style aren't new either. And there is little comfort in that! Well, it is one of the Holiest days of the year. The day of God's solidarity with mankind!

Merry Christmas!

Times-Virginian Church News

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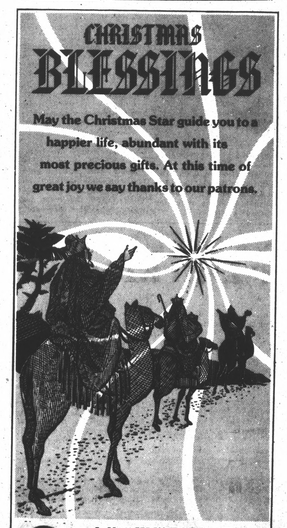

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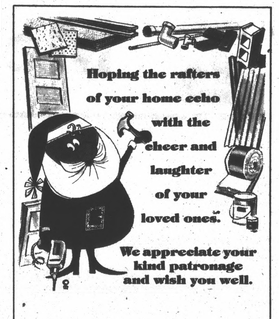

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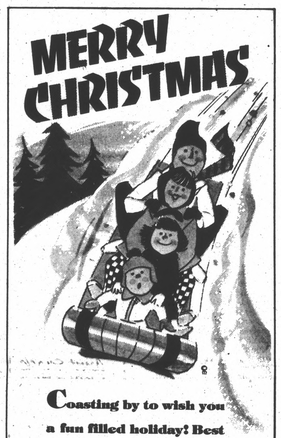

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Hollywood news

By MARY BAGBY

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and love ones of Mrs. Mary Judy F. Carter who passed away last week.

Mrs. Kenneth Deaner was sick with flu and a virus all last week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to hear Mrs. Arnie (Mildred) Pickeral is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital. We wish for her a very speedy recovery.

Rev. Dan Menser visited Mrs. Virgie Beasley Thursday at the Martin Wooldridge Nursing Home and Mrs. Carrie Gilbert.

Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mrs. Madeline Inge and Mrs. Thomas Woodall visited Mrs. Edna T. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam Monday. Mrs. James Conner and Mrs. Bill Conner visited in this home Tuesday.

Miss Dawn Deaner spent several days last week in Newport News visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ioan R. Mayberry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carnifix, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Torrence, Rev. Carlton Smith of Roanoke and Mr. Alfred Almond were visitors Sunday and last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr. spent the weekend in Waynesboro.

Relatives were glad to hear that Mrs. Della C. Ponton of Blackstone, Va. was doing o.k. after having eye surgery at Gill Memorial Hospital in Roanoke. She will be at South Roanoke Nursing Home, 3823 Franklin Rd., S.W. for three weeks while recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Garlick and family of Arvada, Colorado are spending the holidays with Mrs. Garlick's mother, Mrs. Madeline Inge and other relatives.

We were very sorry to hear of the death last week of Mrs. Madeline Inge's sister-in-law, Mrs. Jett Inge of West Virginia. Sincere sympathy is extended her family.

Among those calling in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby were Mrs. J. C. Jennings, Mrs. Monroe Webb, Mrs. Madeline Inge, Mr. Alfred Almond, Mrs. Elizabeth Covington, Katherine and Julia Wingfield, Mr. L. H. Watson, Sr., Thomas, Ruby and Lisa Woodall, Steve Cawthorn, Mrs. Donald Webb, Mathew Webb, Vickie and Robin Davis.

The W.M.U. ladies of Hollywood church distributed cakes to the shut-ins and elderly members of the community Sunday.

The members of Hollywood church wishes to thank state trooper Danny Beamon and deputy sheriff Ricky Baldwin for the slides shown and the talks they gave at the church Sunday morning after Sunday School on the drug problems.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb were Mrs. Scott Sheets, Mr. Walker Webb, Timmy Webb and Thomas Davis. Becky Webb is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Webb.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and all.

Oakville news

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall and Kathy had a Christmas buffet luncheon held at their home on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1981.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newcomb and Scott of Poquoson, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Haas of Hampton, Va., Mr. and Mrs. John E. Marshall, Mrs. Mary Newcomb, Mrs. Arlene Sandifer, Miss Emma Johnston, Mrs. Margaret Cross, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nash of Gladys, Mrs. Lucy Alice Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jordan and Lorie of Phenix.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Moore, Mrs. Margaret Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall, all of Appomattox.

The Friend Seekers Bible Class of Mt. Comfort Church held their annual Christmas dinner at the Peaks of Otter Sunday evening. The class also enjoyed viewing the lights at the Elk's Home in Bedford.

Jordan News

We hope everyone has a happy and joyous holiday season.

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